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Section 1012 of the Patriot Act. This current law requires a FBI criminal record check using fingerprints before the driver can haul hazardous materials. The law is not currently being enforced, pending a DOT interim final rulemaking, which is expected within a few weeks.

I recently viewed an article that can be found at <http://www.dacservices.com>. I must say that I find extremely alarming at this possibility and believe that the issue of security is about to lead our economy to the brink total disruption.

The key ingredient in transportation is time, timely delivery of raw materials and finished goods to both manufacturers and consumers and strongly disagree with the proposed amendment aforementioned in so much not only do I see where it will make for delays in even the transportation of simple products to market.

Example of what I speak of can be found as close as your kitchen cabinet. A load of Lysol Air Freshener, aerosol, shipped in truckload quantity is considered a required placarded load as Flammable and I could give many more examples that fall within this category. Having to fingerprint and hold the hiring as well as the work of drivers while awaiting results from the government could show to be catastrophic to present everyday economy.

I really think that this requirement would through a rather heavy and unnecessary burden on the small trucking companies like mine that by our very size would wipe us out as competition to larger firms giving way to business closures and unemployment.

As a trucking company owner, I must say with regard to regulation now, the transportation industry as a whole is burdened with its fair share and there must be some other way to protect and regulate access to hazardous materials that will not take away from the rather shrinking market share of business that we already are forced to compete for.

Bottomline, if this amendment were enacted the nine drivers I have would be forced to go on a stand by status for anything more than twenty-four hours awaiting the greenlight from the FBI I would be just as well to close my doors and get out while I am at least in the black.

Sincerely

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